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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday through Friday
7:30 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. - New Church Chapel

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Monday - 7:30 P.M. - Stone Church

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

Third Monday of the Month
8:00 to 10:00 P.M. - New Church Chapel

PRAYER GROUP

Thursday - 8:00 P.M. - Parish Center Meeting Room

EARLY BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Tuesday - 6:00 P.M. - Parish Center Library

PARISH COUNCIL

4th Monday of the Month - 8:15 P.M. - Parish Center

ST. PATRICK'S LIBRARY

Parish Center
Sunday 10:15 to 12:30
Tuesday 9:30 to 11:00 A.M.

THE TRINITY GIFT SHOP

Parish Center
Weekdays - 9:30 to 12:00 noon
Saturdays - 9:30 to noon
Sundays 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

GABRIEL PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

1500 Front St. - Suite D - Yorktown - 962-8337

COLLECTION FOR April 23, 2006

Tithing Last Year	\$23,763.50
Tithing This Year	\$23,400.15
Children's Last Year	\$350.00
Children's This Year	\$366.00



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Monday – May 1 – *Joseph the Worker*

6:55 Msgr. Robert Delaney
9:00 Madeline Barrelli

Tuesday – May 2 – *Athanasius, bishop doctor*

6:55 Marian Milone
9:00 Lulu Rossi

Wednesday – May 3 – *Philip and James, apostles*

6:55 Deceased Members of Cabilland &
Brunelle Families
9:00 Rachael Angelica Rauer & Veronica

Thursday – May 4

6:55 Angie Cioffi
9:00 Eleanor Laughlin

Friday – May 5

6:55 Deceased Members of the Laudadio
Family

9:00 Bernard Mullery

Saturday – May 6

9:00 Anthony Capitelli
5:15 John Lynch(L)

Sunday – May 7

7:45 Bernadette Peters
9:00 The People of St. Patrick's
9:15 Michael Healy
10:30 Mary Huang
11:00 James Pallumbo
12:30 Vicky Powers
5:00 Jean Mante

CELEBRANTS

Saturday – May 6

Fr. Herb

Sunday – May 7

7:45 Fr. Jim 11:00 Fr. Luke Sweeney
9:00 Fr. Bisignano 12:30 Fr. Luke Sweeney
9:15 Fr. Jim 5:00 Fr. Herb
10:30 Fr. Bisignano

Confessions – May 7

Fr. Jim – Fr. Bisignano

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Acts 6: 8-15/Jn 6: 22-29 or St. Joseph: Gn 1: 26—2:3 or
Col 3: 14-15,17,23-24/Mt 13: 54-58
Tuesday: Acts 7: 51—8: 1a/Jn 6: 30-35
Wednesday: 1 Cor 15: 1-8/ Jn 14: 6-14
Thursday Acts 8: 26-40/Jn 6: 44-51
Friday Acts 9: 1-20/Jn 6: 52-59
Saturday: Acts 9: 31-42/Jn 6: 52-59
Sunday: Acts 4: 8-12/ Jn 3: 1-2/Jn 10: 11-18



Banns of Marriage

Wendy Bernitt & Nelson Santos
 Stephanie Roberta & Matthew Brady
 Deborah Gantone & Christopher Colasuonno

Weddings

Saturday May 6th, 2006
 3:00PM-New Church

Wendy Bernitt and Nelson Santos

Sunday May 7th, 2006
 4:00PM- Stone Church

Dawn Marie Badolato and Mathew Brady

St. Patrick's Library will show inspiring conclusion of Candle in the Dark, the true story of William Carey, a Protestant Missionary who went to India. Carey oversaw more translation of the Bible than had been done in all previous Christian history. Join us on Tuesday May 2nd, after the 9AM Mass and Rosary.

Food Store Gift Cards are available for purchase in the vestibule of the Church before and after all Masses. 5% of the value of your purchase is returned to St. Patrick's. Please use this easy way of supporting our Parish.

AL-ANON SPOKEN HERE.....Join our weekly support meetings to hear others discuss how they deal with the alcoholics in their lives. Al-Anon's simplicity is reflected in the tools of the program - the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, the Serenity Prayer, slogans, sponsorship, Conference-approved literature, the FORUM magazine and the special gift of Al-Anon/Alateen members sharing from their hearts. Anonymity of all members is a priority for us. That means not revealing to anyone what we hear or whom we see at meetings. Stop in for just one meeting to see what we're all about - you'll be glad you did! Meetings are every Wednesday night from 7:30 to 8:30 in room 109 of the Family Education Center.

The Altar Bread and Wine used in the New Church this week was donated by Georgia & Ernie Willett in memory of:

Marie Willett

The Altar Bread and Wine used in the Stone Church this week was donated by The Iovieno Family in memory of:

Frank Iovieno

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the New Church this week was donated by Betty & Sister Pat Britoin memory of:

Phyliss Rotando

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Stone Church this week was donated by Wade & Margie Story in memory of:

Mary Donnellan

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the New Church Chapel this week was donated by The Parrell Family in memory of:

Elvine & Thomas Parrell

UNANNOUNCED MASSES: Deceased: Peter Thomas, Norah Dobbins, Michael Moffitt, Mary Lippolis(7), Valdimiro DiCamillo, Edward Chamion, Alicia Martinez, Michael Franchi, Amy Sweiger, William Shultz, Dante Mallilia, Mrs. Kelly, Marilyn Richards, Yolanda Biordi, Mary Thigpen, Rose Walits, Romeo Galluzzo, Jack McQuillan Christine Ruffalo **Special Intention:** Hye & Juhn Young Lee(2), Anne Russell, Sr. Marie Patrice, Charlotte Whitcomb, Sean Lynch, Tom Godley, The Stofko Family.



The Cardinal's Annual Appeal: Thank you to those who continue to pledge to this year's appeal. **St. Patrick's Church has received 728 pledges amounting to \$141,550.00** towards our parish goal of **\$159,500.00**. If you have not yet made a pledge, please consider making it in these final weeks of the appeal.

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Baptisms

April 23, 2006

Thomas Martin Morris.....

Son of Thomas Patrick and Kelly Morris

Grace Concetta Morris....

Daughter of Daniel and Kristen Morris

Kaitlin Grace Clementine McCooley..

Daughter of Christopher and Mara McCooley

Kiera Harriet Naughton...

Daughter of Bernard and Lauren Naughton

St. Patrick's 25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary

Renewal Of Vows Ceremony will be held on May 6th during the 5:15PM Mass, with a reception to follow. Couples who want to attend the ceremony must call the Rectory and leave their names and phone numbers. No couples will be permitted to register after April 30th.

Save The Date Olive Dawson will be speaking here at St. Patrick's on Friday evening, May 12th at 7PM in the New Church. Mrs. Dawson originally from Dublin, now living in England travels the world speaking about The Eucharist and a book of Our Lady's message of mercy to the world. As a special grace, Mrs. Dawson has been living solely on the Eucharist since 1999. Come and hear this remarkable message of mercy to the world.

The 7:30 PM Novena Mass on May 1st in the Stone Church

will be offered for the intentions of those who so generously donated towards the flowers and plants for the Easter Season.

A Memorial Service will be held at Mount Hope Cemetery on Saturday May 20th, at 12:30PM for all the deceased buried in Mount Hope. Mass will be celebrated by Father John Riordan of Sacred Heart Monastery, Yonkers, NY.

On Tuesday May 2 at 7:30 St. Theresa's Lecture Series will present Jon Meacham, managing Editor, Newsweek. He will address church and state, faith and freedom, God and politics and explore the proper balance between these competing allegiances in American Public Life. These issues are among those addressed in his forthcoming book, **American Gospel: God, the Founding Fathers and the Making of Nation.**

St. Patrick Widow & Widowers Support Club will meet Tuesday, May 2nd, 2006 at 7:30PM. For information call 845-628-4279.

Mother's Day Remembrance Cards are available in the Vestibule of the Church. IF you wish your mother to be remembered in the novena of Masses for Mother's Day, please complete the envelope and return it to the Rectory no later the Mother's Day, May 14.

A Life in the Spirit Seminar will be offered at Holy Rosary Church, Hawthorne, NY, on six consecutive Mondays beginning May 8th thru June 12th from 7:30PM-9:30PM. The seminar offers an unique opportunity to be renewed in the gifts of the Holy Spirit and to establish, re-establish or deepen your personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Presenters will be Fr. John Fraser, Fr. Dan Davies, O.P. and Fr. Bill Madden, M.M.

CCD Registration For First Graders and New St. Patrick's Parishioners:

Monday May 1st through Thursday May 4th:
9:30AM – 11:30AM & 1:00PM – 3:00PM
AT CCD OFFICE.

Baptismal Certificates are required at time of Registration for 1st graders. Baptismal, Reconciliation and First Eucharist Certificates for older children.

Question to our Holy Father from Anna age 19.

One of the problems we are constantly facing is how to approach emotional issues. We frequently find it difficult to love. Yes, difficult: Because it is easy to confuse love with selfishness, especially today when most of the media almost imposes on us an individualistic, secularized vision of sexuality in which everything seems licit and everything is permitted in the name of freedom and individual conscience.

The family based on marriage now seems little more than a Church invention, not to speak of premarital relations, whose prohibition appears, even to many of us believers, difficult to understand or anachronistic. Knowing well that so many of us are striving to live our emotional life responsibly, could you explain to us what the Word of God has to tell us about this?

Benedict XVI: This is a vast question and it would certainly be impossible to answer it in a few minutes, but I will try to say something.

Anna herself has already given us some of the answers. She said that today love is often wrongly interpreted because it is presented as a selfish experience, whereas it is actually an abandonment of self, and thus becomes a self-discovery.

She also said that a consumer culture falsifies our life with a relativism that seems to grant us everything, but in fact completely drains us.

So let us listen to the word of God in this regard. Anna rightly wanted to know what the word of God says. For me it is a beautiful thing to observe that already in the first pages of sacred Scripture, subsequent to the story of man's creation, we immediately find the definition of love and marriage.

The sacred author tells us: "A man will leave his father and mother and will cleave to his wife, and they will become one flesh," one life (cf. Genesis 2:24-25). We are at the beginning and we are already given a prophecy of what marriage is; and this definition also remains identical in the New Testament.

Marriage is this following of the other in love, thus becoming one existence, one flesh, therefore inseparable; a new life that is born from this communion of love that unites and thus also creates the future.

Medieval theologians, interpreting this affirmation which is found at the beginning of sacred Scripture, said that marriage is the first of the seven sacraments to have been instituted by God already at the moment of creation, in paradise, at the beginning of history and before any human history.

It is a sacrament of the Creator of the universe; hence, it is engraved in the human being himself, who is oriented to this journey on which man leaves his parents and is united to a woman in order to form only one flesh, so that the two may be a single existence.

Thus, the sacrament of marriage is not an invention of the Church; it is really "con-created" with man as such, as a fruit of the dynamism of love in which the man and the woman find themselves and thus also find the Creator who called them to love.

It is true that man fell and was expelled from paradise, or, in other words, more modern words, it is true that all cultures are polluted by the sin, the errors of human beings in their history, and that the initial plan engraved in our nature is thereby clouded. Indeed, in human cultures we find this clouding of God's original plan.

At the same time, however, if we look at cultures, the whole cultural history of humanity, we note that man was never able to forget completely this plan that exists in the depths of his being. He has always known, in a certain sense, that other forms of relationships between a man and a woman do not truly correspond with the original design for his being.

And thus, in cultures, especially in the great cultures, we see again and again how they are oriented to this reality: monogamy, the man and the woman becoming one flesh.

This is how a new generation can grow in fidelity, how a cultural tradition can endure, renew itself in continuity and make authentic progress.

The Lord, who spoke of this in the language of the prophets of Israel, said referring to Moses, who tolerated divorce: Moses permitted you to divorce "because of the hardness of your hearts." After sin, the heart became "hard," but this was not what the Creator had intended, and the prophets, with increasing clarity, insisted on this original plan.

To renew man, the Lord -- alluding to these prophetic voices which always guided Israel towards the clarity of monogamy -- recognized with Ezekiel that, to live this vocation, we need a new heart; instead of a heart of stone -- as Ezekiel said -- we need a heart of flesh, a heart that is truly human.

And the Lord "implants" this new heart in us at baptism, through faith. It is not a physical transplant, but perhaps we can make this comparison. After a transplant, the organism needs treatment, requires the necessary medicines to be able to live with the new heart, so that it becomes "one's own heart" and not the "heart of another."

This is especially so in this "spiritual transplant" when the Lord implants within us a new heart, a heart open to the Creator, to God's call. To be able to live with this new heart, adequate treatment is necessary; one must have recourse to the appropriate medicines so that it can really become "our heart."

Thus, by living in communion with Christ, with his Church, the new heart truly becomes "our own heart" and makes marriage possible. The exclusive love between a man and a woman, their life as a couple planned by the Creator, becomes possible, even if the atmosphere of our world makes it difficult to the point that it appears impossible.

The Lord gives us a new heart and we must live with this new heart, using the appropriate therapies to ensure that it is really "our own." In this way we live with all that the Creator has given us and this creates a truly happy life.

Indeed, we can also see it in this world, despite the numerous other models of life: There are so many Christian families who live with faithfulness and joy the life and love pointed out to us by the Creator, so that a new humanity develops.

And lastly, I would add: We all know that to reach a goal in a sport or in one's profession, discipline and sacrifices are required; but then, by reaching a desired goal, it is all crowned with success.

Life itself is like this. In other words, becoming men and women according to Jesus' plan demands sacrifices, but these are by no means negative; on the contrary, they are a help in living as people with new hearts, in living a truly human and happy life.

Since a consumer culture exists that wants to prevent us from living in accordance with the Creator's plan, we must have the courage to create islands, oases, and then great stretches of land of Catholic culture where the Creator's design is lived out.